



**4th AND 5th GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS
4th GRADE HOMEROOM**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Calvary! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I am looking forward to a great year with the students. Your support is key to academic success with your child. In this letter I have listed some things to expect in fourth grade homeroom and Language Arts.

*******ARRIVAL:** First of all, students are not allowed to enter the classroom until 8:15 a.m. They must go to morning care if they arrive sooner. Fourth grade instruction begins **promptly** at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Baysden and I work closely together as team teachers, and we have a very busy classroom rotation schedule. As soon as students enter the room, they will begin working on handwriting. Once everyone arrives, we will have our daily Bible study. Fourth graders will remain with me at all times except for math, science and Heritage Studies classes.

*******SPELLING:** All fourth and fifth grade students will have a spelling pretest each Wednesday. If they score a 100, the test does not have to be taken again on Friday. **Please help your child study the words nightly**---we have twenty to learn each week in fourth grade and twenty five in fifth grade. Homework each week includes studying nightly and writing words two times each on Tuesday night.....an easy 100!

*******READING:** Reading is so important, and I take it very seriously. Good reading is the key to success in every subject. Fourth and fifth grade students are required to read for **15 minutes on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings**. To ensure they are completing this assignment, a reading log will be attached to their homework folders. The title of the book must be filled in and **PARENTS MUST SIGN** after reading is complete. **THIS WILL BE COUNTED AS A WEEKLY GRADE**. Parents, this is an easy 100 for your child. Five points will be deducted each time the student does not read and/or have your signature or does not bring their reading log to class to be checked.

*******ENGLISH:** In English we will be studying different types of sentences, parts of speech, reference materials, writing a friendly letter (4th grade), a business letter (5th grade) and creative writing. Fifth graders will be writing a research report during the second semester. You will be happy to know that homework is seldom assigned for English!

*******HOMEWORK NOTEBOOKS:** Each student will have a red homework folder and notebook to write assignments. Please check your child's homework notebook each night! Ask to see completed homework! Assignments are written daily by the student. **If homework isn't completed, students will have to use part of their recess to do their work.**

*******DISCIPLINE:** Student misbehavior will be handled swiftly. We will be discussing classroom rules on the first day of school. You will be contacted if necessary!

*******SNACKS AND LUNCH:** We will have a snack every morning. Please send something healthy....please do not include drinks with caffeine for snack or lunch! Students are not allowed to use microwaves, but they may bring a heat up from home. I will gladly heat any lunch, but it must not take more than **one minute** in order to accommodate all students. Also, you will be contacted if lunches are forgotten!

*******RECESS:** We will have recess after lunch and at the end of the day, weather permitting. **NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS** are allowed during recess....only tennis shoes! Students will not be allowed to participate without the appropriate shoes.

*******STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP:** Beginning in fourth grade, students may walk to class by themselves in the morning. At the end of the day, parents must walk to the playground or classroom for pick up. School is dismissed at 3:00. Any students remaining after that time will be taken to aftercare.

*******FIELD TRIPS:** Numerous field trips are planned throughout the year. Fourth and fifth graders will go together. Mrs. Baysden plans our field trips and will provide information at the appropriate times.

*******CLASSROOM PARTIES:** We do have several seasonal classroom parties throughout the year. Parents will be contacted for help. If you would like to send a special treat for your child's birthday, please let me know a few days in advance. Birthdays are special!

*******CELL PHONES:** Cell phones are NOT to be taken out of book bags or used for any reason at school. Text messages may not be sent or checked. I will make personal contact with you if there is anything your child needs!

*******PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION:** I will be adding your cell phone numbers to my phone. I occasionally send reminders and updates by text. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My cell number is (910) 617-4319.

Your child will grow in many ways this school year....physically, emotionally, and academically. More than anything, it's my desire that they grow spiritually. The Lord is woven into every subject we teach. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to teach your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lorette